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THE McHENCH FAMILY IN AMERICA

Being Some Descendants of John McHench
(1755-1833)
Who Emigrated to America Before 1788

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The McHench Genealogy

A record of some of the descendants of John and James McHench, brothers who emigrated to America some time before 1788. Family records indicate that a cousin, Peter McHench, and his four sisters accompanied John and James and that they settled in Albany County, New York, but no research has been done on these persons.

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About the McHench Name

The first vital statistics on the family, found in Pelham, Massachusetts, give the name as Hench or Hinch. After John Hench and his family moved to New York State, around 1800, the name appears in wills, census records and general use as McHench or McHinch. Since the first record of the name in America appears as Hench or Hinch, it is here assumed that would be the spelling of the name in Scotland.

Early Records

The earliest family records found to date came from Sarah McHench Brown (q.v.) who received them from members of her family and added to them through the years the births, marriages and deaths of her family line to the year 1949. She was descended from the immigrant brother, James, who came to America and married Jenny Williamson. Sarah made a copy of her records and without her help it would have been impossible to have compiled much of the early genealogy of the McHench family.

The record of the descendants of immigrant brother, John, was compiled by original research. For sources see Notes, pp. 19 and 20.

Numbering System Used in This Record

An Arabic numeral preceding a Roman numeral indicates that this person will be described in further detail later in the record. When no Arabic numeral precedes the Roman numeral, the entire record of that person is given following his or her name. Roman numerals represent each American Generation (see note at top of page 2). The small letters in parentheses, thus (a), or (b), etc., refer to source material in Notes, pp. 19 and 20.

The Hench Family in Scotland

The origins of the family in Scotland are obscure. The parents of the two emigrant brothers, and two other children, were given variously in the records of Sarah McHench Brown as James and his wife (name unknown), and as John and Jane, and they were said to have been born near Glasgow, Scotland. Two attempts were made by this compiler, one in 1953, the other in 1958, through the Scots Ancestry Research to trace the family in Scotland, without success. It is believed the brothers sailed from Ireland.

Children:
Anthony Hench, a sea captain, lost at sea; unm.
Alexander Hench, never came to America, possibly some of his children did.
James Hench, emigrated to America; m. Jenny Williamson (henceforth name will be spelled McHench).
John Hench, b. abt. 1755, d. 1833 (a), emigrated to America before 1788; m. 1788 (b) Persis Blair, b. 1756, d. 1837 (a). (Henceforth name will be spelled McHench or McHinch).

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The McHench Family in America

Note: Roman Numerals are used to represent each American Generation; for example, I First American Generation; II Second American Generation, etc. II (1) Second American Generation, first child in family, II (2) Second American Generation, second child in family, etc.

1 I James McHench came to America and married Jenny Williamson. They settled in the town of New Scotland (now Clarksville), Albany County, N.Y.
Children:
II (1) John McHench, drowned July 4, 1814, age 20.
(2) James McHench, b. 14 May 1796, drowned July 4, 1814, age 18.
(3) Andrew McHench, d. 1885; m. Catherine Van Natten. No children.
(4) Alexander McHench, b. 24 Aug. 1801, d. 4 Nov.1890; m. Eleanor Van Derzee, b. 15 Apr. 1806, d. 14 Feb. 1891.
Children:
III (1) William Henry McHench, b. 7 Oct. 1830, d. 24 Mar. 1910; m. Amelia C. Ward, b. 14 Nov. 1826, d. 21 July 1875; m.(2d)Helen Ellerson McHench.
Children: (by 1st wife)
IV (1) John McHench, b. 19 July 1853, d. 8 April 1937; m. Mary Jane Van Voris, b. 1852, d. 1923; both buried in cemetery at Cobleskill, N. Y. No children.
(2) Ida Amelia McHench, b. 5 Nov. 1854, d. 27 May 1867.
(3) Helen Frances, b. 8 April 1857, d. 30 Mar. 1951 (almost 94); m. William Becker Gardinier.
Children:
V (1) Frank John Gardinier, b. 11 Sept. 1877; m. Cora Van Blarcum. No children.
(2) Bernice Amelia Gardinier, b. 12 Nov. 1878, d. Dec.1888
(3) Eleanor Durant Gardinier, b. 13 Dec. 1883; m. George Good.
Children:
VI (1) George William Good
(2) Harold Frank Good
(3) William Henry Good
(4) Ernest Frederick Good
(5) Helen Catherine Good
(6) John McHench Good
(7) Bertha Good
(8) Mildred Good
(9) Harriet Good
(10) Dorothy Good
(11) Alma Good
(4) William Becker Gardinier, Jr., b. 27 June 1897; unm.
(4) Sarah McHench, b. 7 Jan. 1863 (age 95 in 1958); m. Pulaski Brown. Sarah d. 28 Aug. 1958, White Rock, So. Carolina.
Child:
V Ernest McHench Brown, b. 14 May 1891; m. Irene Henderson. He lives in Jacksonville, Florida.
Children:
VI (1) Beatrice Gertrude Brown, b. Apr. 1928; m. 3 times, (1) Hulst, (2) Coons, (3) Hill.
(2) Miriam Eleanor Louise Brown, b. 15 Aug. 1929; m. 13 Dec. 1953, Kenneth Chapman Lee, b. 5 Dec. 1921, son of Hettiegrey (Hartsfield) Lee. Miriam graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College, teaches in Jacksonville, Florida. M.A. Univ. of Fla, 1958.
(2) John McHench, d. March 1853.
(3) Mary Elizabeth McHench, b. 15 April 1839, d. 30 Jan. 1929; m. Sylvester Benson.
Children:
IV (1) Carrie Louise Benson, b. 3 Nov. 1862, d. 12 Sept. 1935; m. Charles Murphy.
Child:
V Grace Louise Murphy.
(2) William McHench Benson, b. 27 Aug. 1865, d. Oct. 1912; m. Mary Hiller. He was a Lutheran Minister.
Children:
V (1) Mary Benson
(2) Florence Benson

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(3) Abbie Elizabeth Benson, b. 6 Aug. 1867, d. Sept. 1918; m. Elmer Ellsworth Henderson.
Children:
V (1) Hazel Henderson
(2) Pearl Henderson
(3) Irene Henderson; m. Ernest McHench Brown, her cousin.
(4) Hersey Henderson
(5) Warren Henderson, d. at age 17.

(5) Polly McHench; m. and went West, lost all trace of her.

(6) Grace McHench; m. James Haslett.
Children:
III (1) Thomas Haslett; unm.
(2) James Haslett; unm.
(3) Margaret Haslett; unm.
(4) Sarah Haslett; unm.
(5) Frances Haslett; m. Luther Swartout

(7) Frances McHench; unm.

2 I John McHench, b. probably in Scotland ca. 1755, d. at Broome, County of Schoharie, N.Y., 17 Sept. 1833 in the 78th year of his age (a), buried at Broome Center in the family plot on the old McHench-Leonard farm. John was a tailor. One account says he went first to New Jersey and later settled in Pelham, Massachusetts. He married in Pelham, Parses (also spelled Persis) Blair, Dec. 1788. Persis Blair, b. 1756, d. at Broome, County of Schoharie, N.Y., 18 Sept. 1837 in the 81st year of her age (a) and buried in the family plot near her husband, was probably the daughter of John and Sarah Blair of Pelham, Mass. who had ten children. The Vital Records of Pelham, Mass. list these children but the given names are not decipherable. Pelham, Massachusetts was established in January 1743, prior to which time it was the common land called New Lisburne.(b)

Sarah McHench Brown told this story of why John and Persis moved from Massachusetts to New York State. John was a tailor and started in business in Pelham; he married there and had three children. One time he went to visit his brother James in New York State and James persuaded him not to go back to Massachusetts to live, so he bought a farm at Broome in Schoharie County. John then went back to settle up his business and stayed so long that his wife took the baby and went on horseback after him, a distance of some 120 miles. On the way she stopped at James McHench's home near Albany and stayed all night. Of course she brought John back.

The will of John McHench, made the 7th day of August, 1831 and proved the 10th day of February 1834, states, "first I give and bequeath unto my daughters Mitty Thorington and Catharine Goodfellow, the sum of ten dollars to be equally divided between them, which said legacies or sums of money I will and order shall be paid to the said respective legatees within twelve months after my decease. And I do further give and devise to my two sons William and John McHinch their heirs and assigns all that my messuage or tenement situated in the town and county aforesaid (the town of Broome, in the County of Schoharie and State of New York) together with all my other freehold, Leasehold & personal estate of what kind and nature soever, to be equally divided between them & I do also hereby my two sons above named Executors of this my last will & testament" etc. . . . . .
Witnesses: Origin Allen, John Flint and Samuel Kingsley. (d)

The Petition to probate the above will, dated Jan. 8, 1834, by William McHench, the son named in the will, "Sheweth that John McHench late of Broome in said county, deceased, died at his dwelling house, at Broome aforesaid a natural death, in or about the month of September last, & that at the time of his death he was an inhabitant of said county- That said deceased left a last will & testament which is herewith produced & in which your petitioner is named as one of the executors - that said deceased left a widow & four children, namely Purcy McHench, John McHench, your petitioner William McHench, Mitty wife of Benjamin Thorington, and Catherine wife of John Goodfellow- that they all reside in said county /that said deceased left no other next of kin -/ that your petitioner is desirous that said Will should be admitted to probate, & prays that a citation may issue to the widow & next of kin for that purpose (d)

WM Mc Hinch

Children:

3 II (1) William McHench, b. 25 Aug. 1789, Pelham, Mass.(b), d. 3 Sept. 1867; m. before 1821, Ann Ferguson, b. 9 July 1800, d. 18 Oct. 1852.

(2) John McHench, b. 2 Nov. 1791, Pelham, Mass.(b), d. 27 Oct. 1869; m. Elizabeth Wood, b. 1 July 1809, Mass., d. 11 Nov. 1881.

Children: (from 1850 Census of Town of Gilboa, N.Y.) and (c)

III (1) Mary McHench, b. 1831;m. John Henry Shafer

(2) Betsy McHench, b. 1832; m. Chancey More

Children:

IV (1) Clara More; m. Eugene Cook

(2) Ella More; m. Lewis Decker

(3) Ida More; m. Frank _____

(3) Sally A. McHench, b. 1834; m. Rufus Coons

(4) Persis McHench, b. 1837; m. Wm. Mace

(5) Andrew McHench, b. 1840; m. Helen Marr Ellerson. She m. second, III (1) William Henry McHench, son of II (4) Alexander McHench, after 1875.

Child:

IV Andrew Clarence McHench; m. Jennie Talmadge

(3) Catherine McHench, b. 21 Sept. 1793, Pelham, Mass.(b), d. 14 Apr. 1879, age 85 yrs. 6 mos. 25 days (a), buried at Broome Center, N.Y. in the family plot on the old McHench-Leonard farm; m. John Goodfellow, b. 1796, d. 5 Jan. 1882, age 85 yrs. 4 mos. 25 days (a), buried near wife above.

Children: (c)

III (1) Hiram Goodfellow; m. Catherine Richmond

Children:

IV (1) Edwin Goodfellow

(2) Orcelia Goodfellow

(2) Henry Goodfellow; unm.

(3) Isaac Goodfellow: m. two Rowe girls

Children:

IV (1) Herbert Goodfellow

(2) Ida Goodfellow

(3) Cora Goodfellow

(4) Horace Goodfellow; unm.

(5) Ira Goodfellow; m. 13 Jan. 1860, Lovina Haskins

Children:

IV (1) Orson Goodfellow

(2) John Goodfellow, b. 1860, d. 24 Dec. 1944 at age 84 in hamlet of Mackey, N.Y., buried in Gilboa, N.Y.; m. Vinnie N. Coons.

John Goodfellow - A biographical sketch -

John Goodfellow, as described in a newspaper obituary, gives an interesting picture of the man and his times. One of nine children, he grew up on the Goodfellow homestead, near Bates, Schoharie Co., N.Y. Being unable to attend school in childhood and wanting an education he went, when a boy of fifteen, into the home of James Chichester, where he worked for two years and attended school in the Broome Center school, which was taught by his employer. Following this, he worked for a number of years about Oak Hill and Medusa. In 1891 he bought a farm in Mackey where he lived until his death.

In many respects John Goodfellow was a remarkable man, the best type of sturdy American farmer. He amassed a competence by the twin virtues of industry and economy, all in the field of agriculture. He was very progressive and remained so to the end, enjoying his radio and news and crop reports daily. He owned and operated one of the first mowing machines in the section, a Buckeye. His reminiscences of early days in Mackey were remarkable for their accuracy and clearness, and he retained his mind until the end. His garden was the finest in the region. Until the winter of his death he had felled all his own wood.

Children:

V (1) Fred Goodfellow, d. 1933

(2) Nina Goodfellow; m. Raymond Knabner

Child:

VI _____; m. Osborne McSwaine

(3) Bert Goodfellow; m. _____ Mackey

(4) Irvin Goodfellow

(5) _____;m A. N. Van Deusen

(6) (7) (8) and (9) names unknown

(4) Submit ("Mitty") McHench, b. probably in N.Y. State, not recorded in Pelham Births; m. Benjamin Thorington. Children:(c)
III (1) John Thorington; m. _____ Coons
(2) Ezra Thorington; m. Sally Decker
Children:
IV (1) Hattie Thorington; m. Abe Scutt
(2) Mary Thorington; m. _____ Stafford
(3) Rose Thorington; m. _____ Scoville
(4) Frank Thorington; m. _____ Wilber
(5) William Thorington; m. Cassie Fox
(6) Hobart Thorington; m. _____ Williams
(7) Jane Thorington; unm.
(8) Jake Thorington; m. Sarah Robinson
(9) George Ezra Thorington; m. Jerusha _____
(3) Alexander Thorington; m. Zelpha Hollenbeck
Child:
IV Esther Hollenbeck
(4) Mina Thorington; m. William Porter. Mina lived to be almost 100 years old; died ca. 1909.
Children:
IV (1) Alexander Porter
(2) James Porter, said to have died in Andersonville prison in Civil War.
(5) Persis Thorington; m. Ira Hollenbeck
Children:
IV (1) Truman Hollenbeck
(2) Henry Hollenbeck
(3) Phoebe Hollenbeck
(6) Jane Thorington; unm.

3 II (1) William McHench b. 25 Aug. 1789, Pelham, Mass.(b), d. 3 Sept. 1867, Broome Center, N.Y., age 77 yrs. 9 days (a), buried at Broome Center in family plot on the old McHench-Leonard farm; m. before 1821, Ann Ferguson, b. 9 July 1800, E. Springfield, N.Y., dau. of John and Anne (Strickland) Ferguson; d. 18 Oct. 1852, Broome Center, N.Y., buried near her husband in family cemetery.

Anne Ferguson, the 8th of 10 children, was born in a log cabin 30' long by 20' wide and 16' high with a large stone chimney in the center, located on a creek bank with a small clearing around it. About 1803, her father, John Ferguson, built a large frame house on the property which was still standing but in disrepair in 1956.(c) John Ferguson, b. 25 March 1755, Pelham, Mass., son of William Ferguson, b. in Scotland 1722 and emigrated to Boston in 1738, and Jannet _____, a Puritan (b); d. 9 Dec. 1825, E. Springfield, N.Y.; m. ca 1783 Anne Strickland, b. 1762, dau. of Roger Strickland of Cherry Valley, N.Y., d. 8 Aug. 1832, E. Springfield (c).

John Ferguson was a Revolutionary soldier serving as a private in Capt. Solomon Brown's Co., Col. Elisha Porter's (Hampshire Co., Mass.) regt., from July 31 to Sept. 1, 1779 (e). In 1789, after the birth of his fourth child, John sold his property in Hampshire County, Mass., and moved his family to Montgomery Co., N.Y. and bought a farm known as Lot #67 Springfield patent. It is probable that the two families, McHench and Ferguson, were acquainted in Pelham, Mass., and because of this fact William McHench and Ann Ferguson met and married in New York State. In those days when travel was mostly on foot or horseback, the distance between the towns of Broome Center and E. Springfield was considerable and the likelihood of their meeting without some previous ties seems remote.

William McHench came from Pelham, Mass., to the Town of Broome, Schoharie Co., New York with his parents and brother and sisters around 1800 when he was about twelve years old. The children were raised on the farm and when their father John died in 1833 the farm passed on to William. It was a farm of 400 acres, high in the Catskill mountains, in fact William owned the northernmost peak of the Catskill range. From his house one could see far beyond the Hudson River into a bit of Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Part of the land was forested with maple trees which afforded plenty of maple sugar. (c).

What education William received is not known. He was described by a grandson as "a sturdy old fellow and undoubtedly the most conspicuous man in the town". The Biographical Review of Schoharie County describes him as a prosperous farmer who took an active part in public affairs and held some important offices in the town of Gilboa. He was one of the leading members of the Christian Church

and was a Captain in the local Militia. In 1837 he served as Captain of a New York regiment in the Patriot's War (f). A picture taken late in life shows him to have been of medium height, rather stocky build, thin of face with deep set eyes, a straight nose, thin lipped mouth, a serious and determined looking man. He wore no beard, but had long sideburns of white fluffy hair with a white fringe around his bald crown.

The Will of William McHinch, made the 6th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, and proved Jan. 13, 1874, states, "First. I give and bequeath to my son Andrew, the sum of Three hundred dollars being an equivalent sum to that which my older sons Willard and James have received from me, my son William having had his portion I make no further provision for him. Secondly. I give and bequeath to my daughters Nancy, Vashti and Emma Jane the sum of one hundred dollars each to be paid out of my personal property. Thirdly. I give devise and bequeath the remainder of my personal and real estate to be divided equally among my children Willard, James, Nancy, Vashti, Andrew & Emma Jane McHinch, share and share alike. And Lastly, I do nominate & appoint my sons Willard & James the executors of this my last will & testament. In testimony whereof, ..." etc.(g)

(Signed) Wm. McHinch

Witnesses: Banks M. Brewer and Elizabeth M. Brewer,
residing at Fulton, N.Y.

The Petition to probate the above will, dated the 8th day of December 1873, by Willard McHench, the eldest son named in the will, "Sheweth, That lately, on or about the 3rd day of September 1867, Wm. McHinch died at the town of Gilboa, in the County of Schoharie, being at the time of his death an inhabitant of said County; that the said deceased left a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be his last Will and Testament, bearing date the 6th day of June A.D. 1853, and relates to personal estate: The said deceased left him surviving the following persons whose names and places of residence are stated, except where the same have not been ascertained upon diligent inquiry, and being unknown, are not stated, to wit: Your petitioner Willard McHinch - B Vashti Leonard, Emma J. McHinch of full age & residing in said County of Schoharie - and James McHinch of Wabawshaw Co Plainview, Mich (Minn) William McHinch of Brighton Michigan - Andrew McHinch of Mineapolis Minissota - of full age - and Canning Brown Ervin Brown, and William Brown minors under age & having no a general guardian residing in Otsego Co N.Y. --- as deponent is informed and believes and whoes name is Henry Brown - ~~the widow~~ and those who comprise all the heirs at law and next of kin to the said testator. Your Petitioner prays that said instrument may be proved and recorded as a Will relating to ~~both real and~~ personal estate, and that the usual Citations issue to the aforesaid persons to show cause, etc., and that a subpoena issue to - - - who are subscribing witnesses to the same, living in the State of New York." (g)

(Signed) Willard McHench

Compiler's Notes:
(1) Underscoring above is used to indicate that errors, strikeouts, omissions, etc., appear in the original.
(2) The date of the will is given in writing in the Will as the 6th day of June 1851, and in the Petition to probate in numbers as the 6th day of June 1853.
(3) Although it is not so stated in William's will, previous to his death - probably in 1864 - the farm passed to his daughter Vashti Leonard, first wife of Dr. D. M. Leonard. Vashti died in 1877 and in 1879 Dr. Leonard married her sister, Emma Jane McHench. In this way the original McHench farm became the Leonard farm with some land later being added to the original farm.(c)

On the 8th day of December 1873, the date of the Petition above, Dr. D. M. Leonard wrote the following letter from the Judge's Office, Schoharie, N.Y.

"Dear Brother

You will se_ by the enclose_ that we are trying to prove the will of Wm McHinch it is for to clear the reckord of mortgages to make us safe for the minors. Pleas_ sign & return immediately all well - house not finished yet would like very much to have you come down & do my painting & graining if you think you can will pay you the same as any body - price 2.00 per day is price here - if you will come write me soon

Yours &c in haste
by order of Will --
D. M. Leonard M.D.

P.S. we cannot satisfy any mortgage without this proof"

William McHench

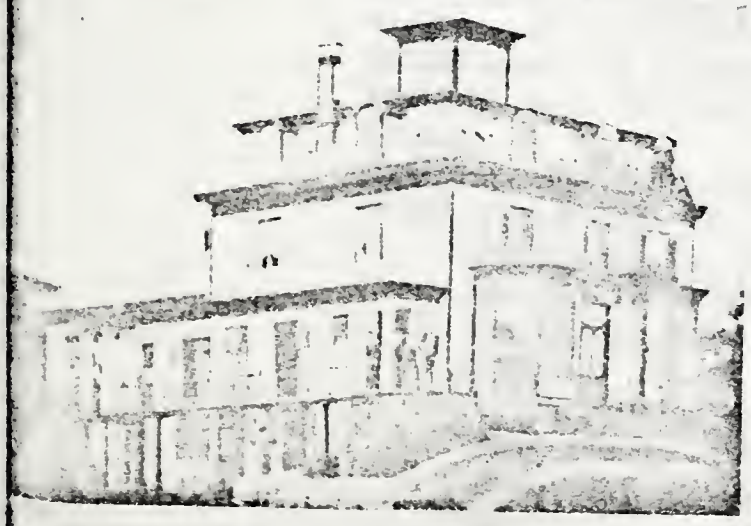
Ann Ferguson McHench

Vasti and Duncan
M. Leonard

Emma Jane and Duncan M. Leonard

William J. McHench

James McHench



Sommerset House

Nancy McHench Brown

Children: (born at Broome Center, N.Y.)(c)

4 III (1) Willard McHench, b. 1821, d. 1890; m. ca. 1847, Maryette Selleck.

5 (2) James McHench, b. 10 Mar. 1824, d. 1895; m. (1) Barbara Ann Coonley, (2) Nellie Daniels.

6 (3) Nancy McHench, b. Nov. 1825, d. 28 Mar. 1863; m. 28 Sept. 1856, Rev. Henry Brown.

7 (4) Vashti McHench, b. 8 Jan. 1828, d. 4 June 1877; m. 1 Jan. 1860, Dr. Duncan M. Leonard.

(5) Wilson McHench, b. 16 Sept. 1831 (twin to William J.), d. 26 May 1842, age 11 yrs. 8 mos. 10 days (a), buried in the family plot on the old McHench-Leonard farm at Broome Center.

8 (6) William J. McHench, b. 16 Sept. 1831 (twin to Wilson), d. 1 Jan. 1910; m. 18 Nov. 1868, Margaret Elizabeth Sowle.

9 (7) Andrew McHench, b. 12 Nov. 1832 (twin to Frances N.), d. 29 Dec. 1912; m. Helen Stanton.

(8) Frances N. McHench, b. 12 Nov. 1832 (twin to Andrew), d. young, probably before 1851 since she is not mentioned in her father's will. Unm.(v)

(9) Emma Jane McHench, b. 13 June 1835, d. 8 Apr. 1921;m.1 Jan. 1879, Dr. D. M. Leonard. No children.

Emma Jane always lived with her sister Vashti and Dr. Leonard, and after Vashti's death she and Dr. Leonard were married. She made a fond and loving mother to her sister's four children and was beloved by all. Emma Jane and Dr. Leonard lived and died in their 80's in the enormous house Dr. Leonard had built on the site of the McHench homestead at Broome Center. For a description of the house see the biographical sketch of Vashti Leonard. A picture of Emma Jane and Dr. Duncan M. Leonard is included in this genealogy as they looked in later life. She was described by a grand niece as being sweet, very kind and a lady in every sense.

4 III (1) Willard McHench b. 1821, Broome Center, N.Y., d. 1890, Gilboa, N.Y., buried Gilboa Cemetery, Gilboa, N.Y. (a); m. Maryette Selleck, b. 1822, dau. of _____ and Hannah Mackey Selleck, d. 1908, Gilboa, N.Y., buried beside her husband. Wm. Milton Selleck and Ezra B. Selleck who had farms in the same neighborhood near Mackies Corners, were brothers of Maryette Selleck.

Willard was a farmer all his life and owned several farms in Gilboa. He had a little blacksmith shop on the farm where he did a bit of work for neighbors, shoeing horses and repairing wagons, harness, etc. As eldest son of William McHench and named in the Will as executor with his brother James, William entered the Petition to probate his father's Will. He was also in charge of the education of his young brother, Andrew, who had to report to Williard his progress in school.

Child:

IV Mary Mae "Kitty" McHench, b. 19 Mar. 1866, Gilboa, N.Y., d. 21 June 1914, buried Gilboa Cemetery, Gilboa, N.Y.(a); m. Calvin A. Cole, b. 1 Sept. 1863, son of Peter and Maria Harris Cole of Breakabeen, N.Y., d. 30 Aug. 1938, buried beside his wife. Calvin A. Cole was a farmer.

Mary Mae attended Starkey Seminary, Starkey, Yates Co., N.Y. and Albany Teachers College and taught school before her marriage. At one time she taught in the Reed School District #3 schoolhouse at Broome Center where her aunt, Nancy McHench, and Nancy's son, William Thurston Brown, also taught at different times.

Children: (born Gilboa, Schoharie Co., N.Y.)

V (1) Alice Cole, b. 2 May 1893, Gilboa, N.Y.; m. 25 Aug. 1917, Leland Lewis, b. 6 June 1893, Ashland, Greene Co., N.Y., son of J. Elmer and Mattie Darling Lewis. Mattie Darling Lewis, b. July 1868, d. 25 Aug. 1957 at age 89; m. 1 Dec. 1891.

Alice has been Postmistress of Gilboa Post Office for many years. Leland Lewis' occupation is farming in a small way and selling insurance and bonds.

Children:

VI (1) Richard McHench Lewis, b. 7 Dec. 1924, Oneonta, N.Y., education - 2 yr. course in Agriculture at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.; manager electric department Sears Roebuck & Co., Schenectady, N.Y. Unmarried.

(2) Donald Marion Lewis, b. 28 June 1927, Oneonta, N.Y., grad. Iowa State College 1954; scientific aide in Botany, State Educ. Dept., Albany, N.Y. Unmarried.

(2) Naomi Cole, b. 14 June 1894, d. 4 Nov. 1956; mar. 1921, Harold E. Odell.

Naomi was a graduate of the Stamford School Training Class, did graduate work at Oneonta State Teachers College and taught school for many years at Stamford, N.Y. She was a "born" teacher and gave her pupils an unusual opportunity to see, to know and to learn because of her tremendous vitality and interest in life. Her life was cut short by a tragic automobile accident. She and Harold lived in Hobart, N.Y. on the Odell Homestead which he farmed when not engaged as a mechanic for a sugar plant or for a contracting firm.

Child:

VI Frank Odell, b. 17 May 1922, Hobart, N.Y.; m. 29 Dec. 1946, Elizabeth Jane Hetherington, b. 17 Sept. 1922, Foochow, China, dau. of Lyster Meadows and Marion F. Kennedy Hetherington. Frank got his AB at Univ. of Alabama, and MBA from Harvard Grad. School in Bus. Admin. He is a banker in Albany. Elizabeth got a B.S. from Plattsburgh State Teachers College and taught Home Econ.

Children:

VII (1) Thomas Andrews Odell, b. 7 Jan. 1948, Ayer, Mass.
(2) Nancy Elizabeth Odell, b. 14 June 1951, Albany, N.Y.
(3) Susan Odell, b. 8 Oct. 1953, Albany, N.Y.

(3) Bates Cole, b. 16 Nov. 1898, unm., horse trainer.

(4) Mary Cole, b. 8 Mar. 1901; m. M.D. Vineyard, 1931. Mary is a trained nurse, lives in Salem, Oregon.

(5) Cora Cole, b. 2 Aug. 1903; m. (1) Wm. Daly, 1931, (2) George Boyle, 1954. Cora is a trained nurse, lives in New Jersey.

5 III (2) James McHench, b. 10 Mar. 1824, Broome Center, N.Y., d. ca. 1895, Fairmont, Martin Co., Minn.; m. (1) B. Ann Coonley of Gilboa, N.Y., Sept. 1845; they had two children and both died; m. (2) Nellie E. Daniels, 17 Apr. 1889, b. 1 Feb. 1859, Waterloo, DeKalb Co., Ind., dau. of Reuben G. and Susanna B. Daniels, pioneer settlers of Waterloo.(h)

James was self-taught except for the education he received in the district school at Broome Center before he was seventeen at which time he began teaching. He taught for fifteen consecutive winters in Schoharie Co., N.Y., farming the rest of the time. In May 1856, following the pioneer spirit of his grandfather, John McHench, he moved West and preempted a quarter-section of land on Greenwood prarie, Wabasha county, Minn., and started farming. Subsequently he added to this land until he had 600 acres, and also purchased 800 acres of wild land in Martin County in 1878. His farm on Greenwood prarie was one of the best in the county. He was a stock-raiser and stock dealer, as well as a farmer, and had extraordinary foresight in anticipating the market price of cattle, grain, etc., and selling at the right time.(h)

The United States Biographical Dictionary, Minnesota 1879, in the files of the Minnesota Historical Society, in a sketch of Hon. James McHench of Plainview when he was State Senator, describes the early settlement in Minnesota in these words. "The older settled counties of the southern part of Minnesota have a large representation of thrifty farmers. Coming into the state early, before, indeed, it was a state; making a good selection of lands, and being men of enterprise and push, they have opened large farms;

have them well improved and thoroughly stocked, and are now in independent circumstances. This class of men are numbered by the thousand, most of them being not only beginners here, but poor, twenty and twenty-five years ago . . . . with but little capital save a good constitution, two hands already toil-hardened and an innate disposition to work."(h)

In 1878 James moved to Martin county where he took a homestead of 160 acres near Fairmont and made that his home until the spring of 1889, when he moved into the village. It was in April of 1889 that he married Nellie E. Daniels. When James was about half through proving up his claim on the homestead he was taken sick and gave his nephew, J. Irving Brown, his rights if he would come and finish out the time. Irving went and finished out the claim and got the farm, 160 acres, which years later was valued at $20,000,00, but Irving, always the most generous of men, had given it away. Irving's son, William Channing Brown, has the homestead certificate, No. 6808, signed by President Benjamin Harrison, and dated April 29, 1892. An old letter from Irving, dated March 25, 1895, written on the back of a handbill describing "G. W. Elliott, The South Dakota Evangelist, will begin a Union Meeting at the Free Baptist Church in Estherville, Ia., February 14, 1895" tells of a visit he made to see his Uncle James at Fairmont, Minnesota. James was dying of cancer of the stomach and his nephew said of him, "Uncle James is one of the best men of the state and has the respect of everybody who knows him." (c)

James McHench held many public offices. His first was that of Superintendant of Schools in Schoharie County, N.Y. While a resident of Wabasha County, Minnesota, he was a Justice of the Peace, a Town Supervisor, and in 1887-8 served in the State Senate from that locality. In the fall of 1883 he was elected Treasurer of Martin County and served in that capacity for nine consecutive years. He was a member and officer of the State Agriculture Association for many years; a director of the County Agriculture Association, and on various commissions. He is described in various state and county histories written during his lifetime as intelligent and businesslike in all his ventures; possessed of indomitable will and perseverance; identified with all the better interests of the region in which he settled; public spirited and one of the most liberal citizens in giving his time and means toward the furtherance of public enterprises. In politics James was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was a member of the Masonic order and both he and his wife, Nellie, were members of the Congregational Church of Fairmont.(h)

The pictures of James, one as a young man in his 30's, and a later one taken probably when he was state senator, show his Scottish origin. His face was long and thin, his eyes deepset, a straight rather prominent nose, and thin lipped mouth under a moustache. In his younger days he wore a close clipped beard, but later his face was clean shaven except for the moustache and sideburns. His hair receded over his temples but otherwise was heavy and one would call his face in maturity distinguished.

Children: (both adopted during 2nd marriage)
IV (1) Gladys McHench - nothing further known.
(2) Willie McHench - nothing further known.

6 III (3) Nancy McHench, b. 13 Nov. 1825(a), Broome Center, Schoharie County, N.Y., d. 28 March 1863 at Medusa, N.Y., age 37 yrs., 4 mos., 16 days;(a) buried at Broome Center in family plot on the old McHench-Leonard farm; m. 28 Sept. 1856, Rev. Henry Brown, b. 12 Jan. 1833, son of Thurston and Alice Church Brown, d. 20 Mar. 1917, Lakemont, N.Y.

Henry Brown was minister of the Christian Church. He was converted at the age of eighteen and started preaching seven months thereafter; he was ordained in 1855 and was sent to his first charge at Bates and Broome Center, Schoharie Co., N.Y. He traveled considerably during his life, across the continent east and west and from

the Lakes to Florida. In all he preached sixty-two years and was pastor of perhaps twenty-five churches. He was a close student of the Bible, an eloquent preacher, especially gifted in evangelistic work. His cheerful, genial, loving disposition and rare sense of humor won him hundreds of friends wherever he was known. In all his pictures, with the exception of one as a young man, he wore a beard which became him, especially in later years when his hair and beard were white.

Nancy McHench was ambitious for an education and managed someway to earn and pay her own way through State Normal College, Albany, N.Y. from which she graduated in April 1847(i). She taught school for nine years, from graduation to her marriage, her last school being in Broome Center where her son, William Thurston Brown, taught his first session twenty-one years later at age 16.

This story is told about the romance of Nancy and Henry. When Henry was barely twenty-two he came to Broome Center to assume his first pastorate. The little church, or chapel as it was called, where he began his settled ministry by crowding a bit might hold a hundred people. There he met Miss Nancy McHench, a small, attractive young school teacher and they fell in love -- and thereby hangs another tale. Henry apparently admired the girls and had become engaged to the daughter of a neighbor in his own home town of Otego, about a hundred nd fifty miles west of where Nancy lived.. But Henry was very consc ntious, always. Finding Nancy necessary to his happiness, he strai away went back home and had a talk with the other girl and the e ent was broken, though it left the other girl rather brokenhearted.

Nancy was not very tall, with blue grey eyes, a rather broad oval face, her hair which was dark, thick and heavy was worn parted in the middle and drawn down on each side to cover her ears and stood out in a puff on each side of her face. Her beautiful eyes were wide apart, set under heavy brows; her nost was rather pronounced & mouth large and firm.

Nancy died suddenly at age thirty-seven after a very brief illness at a time when her husband was away. Her obituary, written in the flowerly language of the time, describes her as, "affectionate wife, tender mother, judicious counsellor and guide of her husband and children .... she died as she had lived--hopeful, serene and trustful." The obituary does not state the cause of her death, but when she knew she was to die she prayed for her "dear companion", her children, gave directions for her funeral, selecting the preacher and the hymns to be sung.(j)

Children:

IV (1) Willard Channing Brown, b. 25 July 1857, New York State, d. 18 Oct. 1919, Detroit, Michigan; m. 10 Aug. 1882, Louesa Elizabeth Becker, b. 20 March 1861, d. 5 Sept. 1946. Willard Channing became a doctor, beginning the study of medicine in the office of his uncle, Dr. Duncan M. Leonard in Gilboa, N.Y.; later attending the University of the City of New York, receiving his diploma March 8, 1881(k). After graduation he went to Michigan and stayed with his uncle, Dr. William J. McHench, who was a practicing doctor in Brighton. There he met and married Louesa Elizabeth Becker. He practiced medicine many years in Brighton and Detroit, Mich.

Child:

V William Irving Brown, b. 23 Oct. 1883, Brighton, Mich., d. 1919; m. Florence Soule, b. 18 Mar. 1885. She m. (2) Charles C. Munroe.

Children:

VI (1) Katherine Brown, b. 12 June 1908.
(2) William Brown, b. 1910, d. 1919.

(2) James Irving Brown, b. 13 April 1859, Eddytown (now Lakemont), N.Y., d. 24 Jan. 1934, Andalusia, Ala.; m. 16 Aug. 1892, Esther McBride, b. 26 Aug. 1862, d. 6 Aug. 1957, Mobile, Ala., dau. of Harvey and Esther Woodruff Rose McBride.

Esther McBride, whose parents were both teachers, became a teacher after graduation from William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, and courses at the University of Minnesota, and taught for twenty years. A gifted and talented woman, she kept up her reading, correspondence with friends and former students, creative writing and interest in life until her death at almost 96 years.

James Irving Brown was a minister of the Christian Church for 55 years. A graduate of Starkey Seminary, Starkey, Yates Co., N.Y., he began preaching in Medusa, N.Y. when 20 years old. Early in the 1890's he settled in southern Minnesota where his uncle, James McHench, had a homestead claim. For reasons of health his uncle gave the claim to Irving if he would finish out the time to prove the claim. This Irving did, but later gave all the land away and settled in Iowa where he lived and preached the balance of his life. He was beloved by everybody, everywhere he lived; the stories of his kindness, his generosity, his joy in living, his sense of humor and charm are legion.

Children:

V (1) William Channing Brown, b. 17 May 1893, Blue Earth, Minn.; m. 10 May 1917, Helen Eloise Conger, b. 28 Dec. 1895, d. 21 May 1921, dau. of Mr. & Mrs. Ira Conger; m. (2) 26 Dec. 1929, Minerva Wineman, b. 23 Oct. 1894. William Channing worked six years in Saskatchewan, Canada, selling lumber; later was with the YMCA in Detroit for over twenty years; now semi-retired.

Child:

VI Guy Conger Brown, b. 8 Apr. 1919, Chaplin, Sasketchewan, Canada; m. 14 May 1943, Marjorie Lennon.

Children:

VII (1) Richard Conger Brown, b. 19 Apr. 1944, Detroit, Mich.

(2) Francis Patrick Brown, b. 10 May 1947, Detroit, Mich.

(2) Warren "Pat" Hathaway Brown, b. 15 July 1895, Esterville, Iowa; m. 26 June 1924, Minnie Lou Barnes, b. 24 Jan. 1898, Opp, Ala., dau. Joseph J. and Amy Scofield Barnes. Pat, a farmer, has 450 acres with homestead and a lake; has been active in Farm Bureau, Rotary, on County Board of Commissioners, highly honored in his community and church. Lou, a school teacher, has raised seven children, is talented and active in community work(1).

Children:

VI (1) Warren Hathaway Brown, Jr., b. 4 Dec. 1925, Opp, Ala.; m. 27 Dec. 1948, Jean Maxwell Siebert, b. 6 Sept. 1923, Centerville, Ala. Warren, a farmer, has charge of the home farm, raises cattle and hogs.

Children: (all born Andalusia, Ala.)

VII (1) Warren Hathaway Brown III, b. 25 July 1950.

(2) Karl Siebert Brown, b. 7 May 1952.

(3) Elizabeth Louise Brown, b. 1 Dec. 1953.

(2) Mary Beth Brown, b. 14 July 1927, Opp, Ala.; m. 11 Sept. 1948, Decatur, Ala., James William Clark, b. 31 July 1926. Mary is an artist and James Wm. Clark is an atomic scientist in Huntsville, Ala.

Children: (all born Huntsville, Ala.)

VII (1) James William Clark, b. 1 Oct. 1951.

(2) Stephen Douglas Clark, b. 27 Aug. 1953.

(3) Robert Hathaway Clark, b. 14 Oct. 1956.

(3) John Mark Brown, b. 11 Dec. 1928, Opp, Ala.; m. 3 Sept. 1951, Mary Cross. John Mark is a horticulturist.

Child:

VII (1) Marissa Sue Brown, b. 18 Jan. 1954, Mobile, Ala.

(4) Janie Louise Brown, b. 31 Aug. 1931, Opp, Ala.; m. 20 Mar. 1954, Dr. William Pettus Buck from Birmingham, Ala. Janie studied music; Dr. Buck is an oral surgeon.
Child:
VII William Pettus Buck II, b. 13 June 1957, Birmingham, Ala.

(5) Gratia Countryman Brown, b. 28 Feb. 1934, Andalusia, Ala.; m. 24 Aug. 1957, Lt. John Steaggall of Birmingham, Mich., a jet flier and grad. of Yale Univ. in engineering.
Child:
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(6) Joe Jim Brown, b. 30 Dec. 1936, Andalusia, Ala.; m. Donna Luzia Broqkel in Ulm, Germany, American marriage March 11, 1957, in Mississippi.
Child:
VII Joe Tim Brown, b. 11 Oct. 1956, Ulm, Germany.

(7) David McBride Brown, b. 16 Jan. 1941, Andalusia, Ala.

(3) Gracia Countryman Brown, b. 2 Sept. 1897, Estherville, Iowa; m. 9 April 1919, W. John Fullen. Gracia attended Minneapolis Art Institute. She was named for her mother's friend, Gracia C. Countryman, famous librarian of Minneapolis Public Library. John Fullen is chief sanitary engineer for Hormel Co., Austin, Minn.; recently appointed member of the Federation of Sewer & Industrial Wastes Comm., an international group.
Children:
VI (1) Marjorie Irva Fullen, b. 9 July 1922, Minneapolis, Minn.; m. 9 Feb. 1952, Loyd Cox. Marjorie worked as a lab. technician several years. Loyd Cox is asst. school principal in Marietta, Georgia.
Children;
VII (1) Nancy Lynn Cox, b. 19 Jan. 1953, Dalton, Ga.
(2) David Fullen Cox, b. 4 July 1956, Marietta, Georgia.

(2) Joyce Fullen, b. 2 Sept. 1924, Austin, Minn.; m. 5 Oct. 1945, Don R. Ratzloff. Joyce worked as a lab. technician several years. Don Ratzloff is a supervisor at the Hormel plant, Austin, Minn.
Child:
VII John Porter Ratzloff, b. 30 Jan. 1947, Austin, Minn.

(3) John Fullen,* b. 27 July 1924, Austin, Minn.; m. 22 Aug. 1948, Carol Lucille Johnson, b. 14 May 1926, Fargo, N.D. *(correction, Warren John Fullen). Both John and Carol graduates of University of Minnesota. John is a chemical engineer for General Mills.
Child:
VII Douglas Jay Fullen, b. 7 Aug. 1954, Kankakee, Ill.

(4) Carol Fullen, b. 14 Sept. 1932, Austin, Minn.; m. 23 Dec. 1951, Darrell Dotzenrod, b. 6 Oct. 1929, Preston, Minn. Darrell Dotzenrod is a livestock buyer for Hormel Co., res. Calmar, Iowa.
Children: (born Austin, Minn.)
VII (1) Teri Lynn Dotzenrod, b. 24 June, 1955.
(2) Lisa Sue Dotzenrod, b. 23 Dec. 1957.

(4) Irva Brown, b. 15 July 1899, Estherville, Iowa; m. 21 Nov. 1924, Galen Craun, b. 9 Aug. 1897, St. Joseph, Ind., son of Curtis and Letitia Scoville Craun. Galen is a "Commissioner of Industrial Relations"; res. Mobile, Ala. No children.

(5) Vera June Brown, b. 27 June 1903, Panora, Iowa; m. 28 May 1938, William Pierce.
Children: (both by adoption)
VI (1) Susan Ann Pierce, b. June 1947.
(2) William Pierce, b. 1 July 1950.

(3) William Thurston Brown, b. 20 Oct. 1861 (twin of Alice Adella), Medusa, N. Y., d. 21 May 1938, Los Angeles, Calif.,; m. 6 Aug. 1889, Mary Frances Wallace, b. 2 Feb. 1865, New York City, d. 24 July 1927, Reno, Nev., dau of Francis and Margaret Magenis Wallace.

Mary Frances Wallace graduated in 1888 from Oswego State Normal, Oswego, N.Y.(m), California Teachers Certificate 1912, San Diego State Normal. She taught briefly prior to her marriage and after raising five children, taught in elementary schools in San Diego, Calif. the last 13 years of her life. Gifted with great understanding and skill with young children in primary grades.

William Thurston attended Starkey Seminary, Starkey, N.Y., Unich College, Schenectady, N.Y., and Yale University, New Haven, Conn. where he received a BA degree in 1890 and Bachelor of Divinity in 1895(n). He taught his first school at age 16 in Broome Center, Schoharie Co., N.Y. in the little Reed District schoolhouse where his mother, Nancy McHench, had taught 21 years earlier. He began his ministry in 1888 in the First Christian Church of New Bedford, Mass., later minister of Congregational churches in Somersville and Madison, Conn., and Rochester, N.Y., and Unitarian churches in East Boston, Mass. and Salt Lake City, Utah. From 1906 to 1908 he was Field Secretary for the Rocky Mt. Dept. of the American Unitarian Society with headquarters in Denver, Colo., and later in Ogden, Utah. He left the church in Salt Lake City in 1911 and lectured and taught for the balance of his life.

William Thurston was a preacher, scholar and teacher, proficient in Greek and Latin, interested in social and economic problems, a "teacher in the pulpit", admired for his brilliant addresses and intense idealism. Like his father and brothers, he possessed a delightful sense of humor. In politics, a Socialist, he devoted his later life to the study of social and economic problems and writing and teaching his views concerning them. As a teacher of history and sociology in the Menlo School and Junior College, Menlo Park, Calif., from 1923 to 1935, he won high esteem and affection from the faculty and students alike.

Children:

V (1) Helen Mather Brown, b. 23 June 1890, New Bedford, Mass., d. 19 April 1907, Denver, Colo., buried Bay View Cemetery, Sandwich, Mass. Attended Girls' Latin School, Boston,. a fine student with outstanding artistic talent.

(2) Alice Church Brown, b. 23 Sept. 1892, Somersville, Conn., d. 14 Jan. 1942, New York City; m. (1) Raymond Deming Spicer in 1911, (2) Wilkie Hill Brereton, Oct. 1930. Studied art in Chicago Art School (1914-15); served in France in World War I as YMCA Canteen worker (1917-18); organized the "Flying Squadron", a group of young women who planned programs and dances for U.S. military forces in cantonments in France (1919); studied art in France (1920-1928); traveled extensively in Europe and Asiatic Is. No children.

(3) Henry Thurston Brown, b. 31 July, 1894, Madison, Conn.; d. in France 12 Oct. 1918, buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) France. Attended California Polytechnic Institute, San Luis Obispo, Calif. and a commercial college. Worked in a bank in Ramona, Calif. and San Francisco before induction into the service. Henry was a private in Co. "D", 362nd Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces, killed in action. Unmarried.

(4) Margaret Wallace Brown, b. 25 April 1897, Madison, Conn.; m. (1) 26 June 1924, Odin Louis Thaanum, b. 8 Dec. 1897, St. Paul, Minn., son of Anders and Matilda Faber Thaanum; m. (2) 31 Dec. 1941, Frederick Wright McConnell. Odin served in the A.E.F., Co. A, 115 Ammunition Train, 40th Division, a year in France, six mos. in U.S.A., Feb. 1918 - July 1919.

Margaret graduated Stanford University, Calif., 1920; secretary to San Diego architect 22 yrs.; active in politics and in work with the Friends. Hobby, genealogical research. Compiler of this family record.
Children:

VI (1) Anders Thurston Thaanum, b. 13 June 1925, San Diego, Calif., d. 17 Nov. 1942, San Diego, Calif.

(2) Odin Thaanum, b. 11 Dec. 1927, San Diego, Calif. Graduate of California Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, Calif., 1952. U.S. Coast Guard (1946-47). Electronics Engr., Consolidated-Vultee and Stromberg-Carlson, San Diego. Refrig. engr. in tuna storage plant, Paita, Peru (1955-56) traveled widely in So. Amer. Unm.

(5) William Howard Brown, b. 4 April 1900, Rochester, N.Y.; m. (1) 11 Nov. 1927, Kathryn Morris, b. 4 Dec. 1902, d. 18 Sept. 1944, Palo Alto, Calif., dau. Joseph J. and Marion Bray Morris; m. (2) Martha Rutan Wells, 27 Dec. 1949. Howard graduated Stanford University, Calif., 1923; 30 yrs. with firm of Heller, Bruce & Co., stocks & bonds, San Francisco, now with A. Barth & Co., San Francisco.
Children: (by 1st wife)

VI (1) Jennifer Brown, b. 28 Aug. 1928, San Francisco, Calif., attended Bennington College, Bennington, Vt., graduate Stanford University, Calif. Studied and worked in Lima, Peru; now working New York City. Unm.

(2) Henry Thurston Brown, b. 12 May 1936, San Francisco, Calif., d. 3 Sept. 1944, Palo Alto, Calif.

(4) Alice Idella Brown, b. 20 October 1861 (twin of William Thurston), Medusa, N.Y., d. 15 March 1864.

6 III (4) Vashti McHench, b. 8 Jan. 1828, Broome Center, N.Y., d. 4 June 1877, aged 49 yrs., 4 mos., 26 days (a), buried in old cemetery on McHench-Leonard farm, Broome Center, N.Y.; m. 1 Jan. 1860, Dr. Duncan Moore Leonard, b. 27 Aug. 1837, Roxbury, Delaware Co., N.Y., son of Henry and Huldah Hull Leonard, d. 26 Dec. 1920 on the farm at Broome Center, N.Y. Dr. Leonard was one of a family of nine boys and three girls, and four of the boys studied medicine.

As described by one of her nephews, Vashti, probably named for Vashti the queen of King Ahasuerus in the Bible, Esther 9.19, was a very hard-worked woman, she got up at four every morning and went to bed about ten, and worked herself pretty nearly to death. Her husband, Dr. D. M. Leonard, had a large practice in and around Schoharie County, cultivated a good farm, and was quite an extensive real estate holder, owning about seven hundred acres in all. In 1873 he had built on the farm a huge frame house which he called Sommerset House. In the home of a grandson, Dr. Duncan Leonard Best, there hangs a large painting of Sommerset House, signed by the artist in 1877.

The enormous house with its thirty rooms, twelve of which were bedrooms, was the center of happy family gatherings and warm hospitality. Living McHench relatives recall with pleasure their childhood visits to Sommerset House. When they held the "Farmers' Picnic" in The Grove as many as thirty-two relatives and friends would stay all night.

Everyone was welcome, but it is reported that thrifty "Uncle Doc" made a charge to the farmers for picnicking in The Grove. The main part of the house was a square, three stories high with a mansard roof topped by an observatory from which one could see a great distance - a bit of Vermont, the Berkshires in Massachusetts and the mist rising from the Hudson River. A two-story wing extended south, and some years after the original house was built, an addition was made of two rooms above and two rooms below on the west side. As one drove up to the house, Dr. Leonard's office was in the basement; sometime later it was moved to one of the rooms in the new wing. Also in the basement was a wash room, milk room and a cellar. There was a large veranda facing southeast. The house roof was of slate and in one of the rooms was a large marble fireplace. Over the front door there was a glass panel in which appeared the following sign, "D. M. LEONARD, M.D. 1873". A short distance back of the house was a very large barn, capable of caring for a herd of fifty cows. All that remains of the house today are remnants of a solid foundation, about sixty feet front by thirty feet deep, and a few great wood beams which had supported the slate roof. It must have been a tremendous task to build this great house in the 1870's in the country, on top of a mountain, when there were no trucks, no good roads, no heavy machinery such as is available in today's construction. After the death of Dr. and Emma Jane Leonard, none of the children cared to run the farm. There was talk of turning the place into a tuberculosis sanitarium, also of a boarding house. Apparently the project was too great an undertaking and finally, with no direct buyers available, it was necessary to sell to the State of New York at a ridiculously low price per acre.

The family cemetery is located directly south of the old barn, approximately one sixth of a mile over the first low ridge, surrounded by a woven wire fence with iron posts, all in disrepair. (For a record of the gravestone inscriptions in this cemetery see Note (a) at the end of this history.)

Children:

IV (1) Emma Rosella Leonard, b. 19 Oct. 1860, Broome Center, N.Y., d. 18 Feb. 1928; m. 12 July 1905, McClellan Steadman, b. 1 Feb. 1864, d. 16 Sept. 1933. McClellan Steadman was a carpenter and they lived at Potter Hollow, N.Y. Emma Rosella graduated from State Normal School and was a teacher. No children.

(2) Infant daughter, d. 19 Oct. 1860, twin to Emma Rosella.

(3) Infant son, d. 10 Aug. 1862, lived one week.

(4) Frances Ann Leonard, b. 12 Sept. 1863, Broome Center, N.Y., d. 15 Nov. 1951, Bradenton, Fla.; m. 26 March 1884, Frank B. Mackey, b. 20 April 1858, son of James G. and Catherine Mackey, d. 24 Jan. 1943. Frank Mackey was a merchant in early life, later in real estate. Residence, Bradenton, Fla.
Children: (born in Mackey, Schoharie Co., N.Y.)
V (1) Alice B. Mackey, b. 31 Aug. 1885. A teacher; lives in Bradenton, Fla. Unm.
(2) Manly Leonard Mackey, b. 12 Jan. 1888. A civil engineer, road builder. Names of his wife, children (3), and grandchildren not known.

(5) Ursula J. Leonard, b. 16 April 1866, Broome Center, N.Y., d. 21 Feb. 1948, Middleburgh, N.Y.; m. Dr. Christopher S. Best, b. 27 Aug. 1852, Middleburgh, N.Y., son of James Best, d. 20 Dec. 1934. Dr. Best had been a practicing physician in Middleburgh, N.Y. over fifty years. Of Ursula Leonard a cousin wrote, "She was pure gold and so original. She was a great worker, and one Monday when she was doing her laundry the bell rang. She answered, and a gentleman said he would like to see the Doctor. She said he wasn't home. 'Then', said the man,

'May I see his wife?' With a smile she replied, 'Six days a week I am his wife, but on Monday I am his laundress'."
Children: (born Middleburgh, Schoharie Co., N.Y.)
V (1) James Leonard Best, b. 21 Oct. 1894, d. 13 May 1901.
(2) Emma Elizabeth Best, b. 19 May 1900; unm. Res. Middleburgh.
(3) Duncan Leonard Best, b. 30 Mar. 1903; m. 14 June 1932, Winifred Wilkie. Duncan L. Best is a doctor practicing in Middleburgh, N.Y. No children.

(6) Rutson Rudolph Leonard, b. 3 June 1868, d. 16 Mar. 1901; m. 12 Oct. 1893, Jessie Henderson, d. Jan. 1954. Rutson Leonard was a doctor. He,too, was born in Broome Center, N.Y.
Child:
V Florence Ursula Leonard, b.21 Jun.1897; m. Francis Wood, a professor in a school in Malone, N.Y.

8 III (6) William J. McHench, b. 16 Sept. 1831 (a twin to Wilson), Broome Center, Schoharie Co., N.Y., d. 1 Jan. 1910, Bradenton, Fla.; m. 18 Nov. 1868, Margaret E. Sowle of Livingston Co., Michigan. William J. was reared on the family farm, got his first schooling in the district school at Broome Center, later had two years in Malone Academy, N.Y. In an old "Catalogue of the Officers and Students of the New York Conference Seminary, Charlotteville, Schoharie Co., N.Y., during the first term 1850-51", printed at Albany, 1851, in the list of 139 "Gentlemen" students (there were also 101 "Ladies") was found the name

William J. McHinch, Gilboa

Students at the Seminary were taught Latin, Greek, Natural Philosophy, Geometry, Algebra, in the first year course; adding in second year, Chemistry, Trigonometry, Geology, Botany and Surveying, &c.

Tuition per quarter (eleven weeks) $3. to $5. according to subjects. "Incidental expense 25¢ per quarter." Extras included such things as lessons on Guitar, $3. and use of guitar $1. For piano, prices were a bit higher.

Board, lodging and washing $1.12½ per week. Fuel 12½¢ (one shilling) per week. A stage ran three times a week between Charlotteville and Albany, and another between Charlotteville and Catskill.

In 1853 William J. went to Michigan where he taught school for two terms in Green Oak and Brighton Townships while making plans to study medicine. He graduated from medical department, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 1858 with special work in analytical chemistry and microscopy. For a time he practiced medicine in Brighton and New Hudson, then took special medical study in Jefferson Medical School & Hospital in Philadelphia, and returned to practice in Brighton. In 1864 he entered the army on contract as acting assistant surgeon, returning to Brighton at the close of the war. In 1870 Dr. McHench had special courses at Bellevue Hospital, N.Y., on the eye, ear, heart and lungs, and in physical diagonsis. He was one of four delegates from Michigan to the Centennial Medical Convention in Philadelphia in 1876. As described by one of his contemporaries in the "Portrait & Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan", Dr. McHench was well skilled in his profession, a well read and highly cultivated man, a member of a number of medical societies and enjoyed a most profitable practice in the town of Brighton. In politics he was a Republican and a liberal in religious opinions. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.(o)&(f)

A picture of William J. McHench taken in middle life shows a man with receding hair over his high forehead, deep set eyes and thin lipped mouth like his father, andwearing a goatee. It was to the home of Dr. McHench that his nephew, Willard Channing Brown, came after his graduation from medical school in New York City in 1881, and where he married and started his practice of medicine.

Child:

IV Gertrude McHench, b. Sept. 1870, Brighton, Michigan; m. April 1912, Dr. R. T. Ward, a dentist, b. 1874, d. Sept. 1956, Bradenton, Fla., at age 82. Gertrude attended high schools in Brighton and Armada, Mich., and studied music, painting and French at school in St. Clair, Mich. She lives in Bradenton, Fla. and is still enjoying life at age 88. There seems to have been little mention of any of the third generation McHenches returning to their birthplace in Broome Center, N.Y., but Gertrude recalls going with her father to visit his brother, Andrew in Fargo, North Dakota.
No children.

9 III (7) Andrew McHench, b. 12 Nov. 1832 (twin to Frances N.), Broome Center, Schoharie Co., N.Y., d. 29 Dec. 1912, Fargo, No. Dakota, at age 80, bur. in Riverside Cemetery, Fargo, N.D. (p)&(q); m. 1864, Helen Stanton of Schoharie Co., N.Y., dau. of a New England father and a "Mohawk Dutch" mother, b. 21 Dec. 1831(s), d. 30 Mar. 1924, Fargo, N.D., bur. Riverside Cemetery there.(p) Helen was educated in Middleburgh, N.Y. and spoken of in Fargo as "a woman of refinement".(t)

Andrew worked on his father's farm and attended a district school during the winters, until about nineteen; after which he spent a year at Richmondville, Schoharie County Academy, and two years college preparatory work at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, 1855-1857.(r)&(s). Andrew's education was the concern of his older brother, Willard, to whom he had to report his progress.

Andrew was always interested in Western lands and his history bears this out. After leaving school he went to Minnesota, and after prospecting a short time, settled at Henderson, Sibley county where he was engaged in the mercantile business. While there he served in several capacities, supervisor, justice of the peace, deputy assessor of internal revenue, and postmaster. In 1866 he moved to Minneapolis and engaged in kiln-drying lumber, an unsuccessful venture. In 1870 he arrived in the Red River Valley of No. Dakota, traveling in a skiff from Fort Abercrombie, following the lure of free land. He was one of the three first settlers to discover and settle on the site where the Northern Pacific Railroad would later cross the Red River and which became the site of the City of Fargo. Mrs. McHench came to the area on April 30, 1871 with their two children, Edgar, age three, and Willard slightly older. Andrew took his claim on July 4, 1871; plowed the first two acres of his claim in 1871; raised the first crop of grain in 1873, and brought the first reaper into the valley according to the History of Red River Valley. The first Northern Pacific train rolled into Fargo on June 6, 1872.(s)&(t)

Andrew and his wife lived the rest of their lives in Fargo, No. Dakota. He was prominent in the life of the town and when a member of the Council of the Territorial Legislature, 1874-75, he introduced and forced through the bill which made Fargo an incorporated city. Other offices he held were alderman, superintendent of schools, promoter of agriculture and tree planting, charter member of Shiloh Masonic Lodge formed in 1872. Andrew was a farm implement and lumber dealer; erected the Masonic Block; owned and operated McHench Hall, and erected three residences one of which was still standing in 1950. In later life he became somewhat unpopular among progressive interests, expressing Scotch disapproval of improvements which would increase taxes. He and his wife gradually withdrew from social and public life, due in part to financial reverses and Mrs. McHench's health.(t)

Charles Foster of Fargo, who knew the family well, described Andrew as "rather visionary. He was a small man and always seemed busy. He spent a great deal of money in his later years trying to invent improvements to farm machinery. These never amounted to very much. Eventually he lost most of his property, including his farm." Mrs. McHench was a favorite with the children in her neighborhood. "It was said that Mrs. McHench wanted dandelions in her lawn as a reminder of her days back East, and that she sent for seed. People said that up to that time dandelions were unknown in Fargo." A newspaper picture of Andrew McHench in the Fargo Diamond Jubilee Edition, Sunday, June 4, 1950, part of a two page

story of this pioneer of North Dakota, shows a strong resemblance to his brothers Janes and William J. McHench.(t)

Children:

IV (1) Willard S. McHench, b. abt. 1865, probably Minnesota, was slightly older than Edgar, age 3, when the family arrived in No. Dakota in 1871. Willard and Edgar were two of the first fifteen pupils to attend school in Fargo in a schoolroom in Pinkham Hall, at Fourth and Front Streets, owned by their father. Quoting from Charles Foster's account in the 1950 Diamond Jubilee Edition of the Fargo Forum, "The McHench boys, Will and Ed, were my playmates. We often went hunting wild geese and ducks near Horace ..... Will was the oldest. He dressed himself like an Indian and always wore moccasins. Will served for a time with Company B, then one day he went West and disappeared." He was reported as living in Battle Mountain, Nevada, in 1912 at the time of his father's death, but nothing further has been learned about him.(t)

(2) Edgar F. McHench, b. abt. 1868, probably Minnesota, d. 8 Mar. 1931, age 63, at Fargo, N.D., bur. in Riverside Cemetery.(p)& (u) According to Charles Foster, a childhood friend, "Ed McHench became interested in taxidermy. He collected birds and birds' eggs. Once when he was mounting a bird he received a thumb infection and part of his thumb had to be amputated." From the Fargo Forum account of the family, "The story goes that Ed McHench was engaged to be married to Belle Matteson, daughter of the editor of the Fargo Sun, but that upon the death of his father the engagement was broken off and he devoted the rest of his life to caring for his mother." He was called "close mouthed" and a "recluse" by Fargo residents. He took care of the balance of the McHench property and served as an accountant with the Fargo-Detroit Ice Company for many years. Although the family were not church-goers, Edgar left $10,000 in his will to the First Methodist Church of Fargo.(t)

I wish to thank all those relatives, friends, Historical Societies, libraries, and The Fargo Forum, Fargo, North Dakota, all of whom so generously supplied me with data. Gathering this material has been an interesting and rewarding experience since its beginning in 1949, for it has brought me in contact with relatives and friends who have enriched my life, has been the impetus for two trips East, and has greatly stimulated my interest in American history. I realize that the record is far from complete and would be happy to receive additional data or corrections to this family history.

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NOTES

(a) Gravestones in Gilboa Cemetery, Gilboa, N.Y.

Willard McHench
1821 - 1890

Mary M. McHench
1866 - 1914

Maryette Selleck
1822 - 1908

Calvin A. Cole
Sept. 1, 1863
Aug. 30, 1938

(a) Gravestones in family plot on the old McHench-Leonard farm, Broome Center, N.Y.

A large marble monument of the LEONARD family carries the following inscriptions on its four sides:

(1) EMMA R.
FRANCES A.
URSULA J.
RUTSON RUDOLPH

Children of Dr. D. M. & Vashtie Leonard

(2) VASHTIE McHENCH
Wife of Dr. D. M. Leonard
died
June 4, 1877
Aged 49 yrs, 4 mos.
26 days

"Dear is the spot where
Christians sleep
And sweet the strains
that angels pour
O! why should we in
anguish weep
They are not lost but
gone before."

(3) EMMA J. McHENCH
Wife of
Dr. D. M. Leonard
1835 - 1921

(4) DR. D. M. LEONARD
1837 - 1920

Two small gravestones in another place in the cemetery carry these words:

Infant
Daughter
died
Oct. 19, 1860

Infant
Son
died
Aug. 10, 1862

Children of
Duncan M. and Vashti Leonard

Other inscriptions were:

John Goodfellow
died
Jan. 5, 1882
Aged 85 yrs., 4 mos.,
25 days

Catharine McHench
wife of
John Goodfellow
died
April 14, 1879
Aged 85 years, 6 mos.
25 days

Persis
wife of
John McHinch
died Sept. 18, 1837
in the 81 yr. of her age

John McHinch
died
September 17, 1833
in the 78 yr. of his age

Hattie L.
daughter of
Wm. C. & Marietta Smith
January 3, 1868
October 12, 1870

William McHench
died
Sept. 3, 1867
Aged 77 yrs 9 days

Ann
wife of
Wm. McHinch
died
Oct. 18, 1852
Aged 52 yrs, 3 mos, 10 days

Wilson
son of
Wm. and Ann McHench
died
May 26, 1842
age 11 yrs, 8 mos, 10 da.

Nancie
wife of
Rev. Henry Brown
died
Mar. 28, 1863
Aged 37 yrs, 4 mos, 16 days

"Blessed are the dead
that die in the Lord."

Levi Sailsbury
Oct. 8, 1818
Jan. 11, 1861

Hannah McHench
his wife
Sept. 7, 1819
Sept. 5, 1895

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(b) "Vital Records of Pelham, Mass., to 1850", pub. New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass., 1902, pp 17, 36, 46, 91.

(c) Family Records.

(d) Will of John McHinch & Petition for probate of said will by William McHinch, from Surrogate's Court, Schoharie County, N.Y.

(e) Massachusetts Soldiers & Sailors of the Revolutionary War, Vol. V, p 617.

(f) "Medical History of Michigan", C. B. Burr, V. 2, p 823. The "Patriot War" as described in Encyclopedia Americana, Vol. 27, p 541, reads, "Friendly relations with Great Britain were again endangered in 1837 when the so-called 'Patriot War' broke out on the Canadian frontier...."

(g) Will of William McHinch & Petition for probate of said will by Willard McHench, from Surrogate's Court, Schoharie County, N.Y.

(h) The United States Biographical Dictionary, Minnesota 1879, pp 94-96, and Memorial Record of Fairbault, Martin, Watonwan and Jackson Counties, Minnesota, pp 661-663, and Southwestern Minnesota and Northwestern Iowa, pp 170-172, in the files of the Minnesota Historical Society.

(i) Data abstracted from "An Historical Sketch of the State Normal College at Albany, N.Y. and a History of Its Graduates for Fifty Years: 1844-1894".

(j) Newspaper obituary of Nancy, wife of Rev. Henry Brown, Medway, N.Y., 1863.

(k) Transcript of the entry in the register of Physicians and Surgeons in the office of the County Clerk, City and County of New York, dated 15 Jan. 1889.

(l) The Farmer's Wife, September 1953 issue, pp 85-87 & 119, article titled "The children Thou gavest us".

(m) Letter from State University of New York Teachers College, Oswego, N.Y.

(n) Certificates from the Secretary of Yale University, New Haven, Conn., for Bachelor of Arts degree, June 1890, and Bachelor of Divinity degree, June 1895.

(o) Portrait & Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, pp 679-681, in the files of the Minnesota Historical Society.

(p) Letter from Riverside Cemetery, Fargo, North Dakota.

(q) Copy of obituary from "The Fargo Forum and Daily Republican", Dec. 30, 1912, p 10.

(r) Letter from Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, dated Aug. 14, 1957.

(s) The United States Biographical Dictionary, Minnesota 1879, pp 96-97.

(t) The Fargo Forum, Diamond Jubilee Edition, Sunday, June 4, 1950, Section 5, pp 6, 7 & 8.

(u) Copy of obituary from "The Fargo Forum", March 10, 1931.

(v) The "Schoharie Patriot" records the death of Frances McHinch as 8 Oct. 1851, age 19 yrs, daughter of William and Ann McHinch.

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The McHench Family in America

Being Some Descendants of John McHench
(1755-1833)
Who Emigrated to America Before 1788

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Allen, Origin, 3
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Barnes, Minnie Lou, 11
Becker, Louesa Elizabeth, 10
Benson, Abbie Elizabeth, 3
Benson, Carrie Louise, 2
Benson, Florence, 2
Benson, Mary, 2
Benson, Sylvester, 2
Benson, William McHench, 2
Best, Dr. Christopher S., 15
Best, Dr. Duncan Leonard, 14, 16
Best, Emma Elizabeth, 16
Best, James, 15
Best, James Leonard, 16
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Blair, Parses, 3
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Blair, Persis, 1, 3
  (See Blair, Parses & McHench, Persis, and Purcy)
Blair, Sarah, 3
Boyle, George, 8
Brereton, Wilkie-Hill, 13
Brewer, Banks M., 6
Brewer, Elizabeth M., 6
Brockel, Donna Luzia, 12
Brown, Alice Adella, 13, 14
Brown, Alice Church, 9
Brown, Alice Church, 13
  (dau. of William Thurston)
Brown, Beatrice Gertrude, 2
Brown, Canning, 6
  (see Brown, Willard Channing)
Brown, David McBride, 12
Brown, Elizabeth Louise, 11
Brown, Ernest McHench, 2, 3
Brown, Ervin, 6
  (see Brown, James Irving)
Brown, Francis Patrick, 11
Brown, Gratia Countryman, 12
  (dau. James Irving)
Brown, Gratia Countryman, 12
  (dau. Warren Hathaway)
Brown, Guy Conger, 11
Brown, Helen Mather, 13
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  (see Brown, Rev. Henry)
Brown, Rev. Henry, 7, 9, 10, 19, 20
  (see Brown, Henry)
Brown, Henry Thurston, 13
  (s. William Thurston)
Brown, Henry Thurston, 14
  (s. William Howard)
Brown, Irva, 12
Brown, Irving, 9
  (see Brown, J. Irving)
Brown, J. Irving, 9
  (see Brown, James Irving)
Brown, James Irving, 9, 10, 11
  (see Brown, Ervin, Irving & J.Irving)
Brown, Janie Louise, 12
Brown, Jennifer, 14
Brown, Joe Jim, 12
Brown, Joe Tim, 12
Brown, John Mark, 11
Brown, Karl Siebert, 11
Brown, Katherine, 10
Brown, Margaret Wallace, 14
Brown, Marissa Sue, 11
Brown, Mary Beth, 11
Brown, Miriam Eleanor Louise, 2
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Brown, Pulaski, 2
Brown, Richard Conger, 11
Brown, Sarah McHench, 1, 3
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Brown, Thurston, 9
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Brown, Warren Hathaway, Jr., 11
Brown, Warren Hathaway III, 11
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Brown, William, 10
  (s. William Irving)
Brown, William Channing, 9, 11
Brown, William Howard, 14
Brown, William Irving, 10
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Buck, William Pettis II, 12
Chichester, James, 4
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Clark, James William, Jr., 11
Clark, Robert Hathaway, 11
Clark, Stephen Douglas, 11
Cole, Alice, 7
Cole, Bates, 8
Cole, Calvin A., 7, 19
Cole, Cora, 8
Cole, Maria Harris, 7
Cole, Mary, 8
Cole, Naomi, 8
Cole, Peter, 7
Conger, Helen Eloise, 11
Conger, Ira, 11
Cook, Eugene, 4
Coonley, Barbara Ann, 7, 8
Coons, _____, 5
  (m. John Thorington)
Coons, _____, 2
  (m. Beatrice Gertrude Brown)
Coons, Rufus, 4
Coons, Vinnie N., 4
Countryman, Gratia C., 12
Cox, David Fullen, 12
Cox, Loyd, 12
Cox, Nancy Lynn, 12
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Craun, Letitia Scoville, 12
Cross, Mary, 11
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Decker, Sally, 5
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Dotzenrod, Teri Lynn, 12
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Fullen, Douglas Jay, 12
Fullen, Joyce, 12
Fullen, Marjorie Irva, 12
Fullen, Warren John, 12
Fullen, W. John, 12
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Gardinier, Eleanor Durant, 2
Gardinier, Frank John, 2
Gardinier, William Becker, 2
Gardinier, William Becker, Jr., 2
Good, Alma, 2
Good, Bertha, 2
Good, Dorothy, 2
Good, Ernest Frederick, 2
Good, George, 2
Good, George William, 2
Good, Harold Frank, 2
Good, Harriet, 2
Good, Helen Catherine, 2
Good, John McHench, 2
Good, Mildred, 2
Good, William Henry, 2
Goodfellow, Bert, 4
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Goodfellow, Cora, 4
Goodfellow, Edwin, 4
Goodfellow, Fred, 4
Goodfellow, Henry, 4
Goodfellow, Herbert, 4
Goodfellow, Hiram, 4
Goodfellow, Horace, 4
Goodfellow, Ida, 4
Goodfellow, Ira, 4
Goodfellow, Irvin, 4
Goodfellow, Isaac, 4
Goodfellow, John, 3, 4, 19
Goodfellow, John, 4
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Goodfellow, Nina, 4
Goodfellow, Orcelia, 4
Goodfellow, Orson, 4
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Haslett, James, 3
Haslett, James, Jr., 3
Haslett, Margaret, 3
Haslett, Sarah, 3
Haslett, Thomas, 3
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(did not come to America)
Hench, Anthony, 1
(did not come to America)
Hench, James, 1
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Hench, James, 1
(father of immigrant sons, did not come to America)
Hench, Jane, 1
(mother (?) of immigrant sons, did not come to America)
Hench, John, 1
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Henderson, Elmer Ellsworth, 3
Henderson, Hazel, 3
Henderson, Hersey, 3
Henderson, Irene, 2, 3
Henderson, Jessie, 16
Henderson, Pearl, 3
Henderson, Warren, 3
Hetherington, Elizabeth Jane, 8
Hetherington, Lyster Meadows, 8
Hetherington, Marion F. Kennedy, 8
Hill, _____, 2
(m. Beatrice Gertrude Brown)
Hiller, Mary, 2
Hollenbeck, Esther, 5
Hollenbeck, Henry, 5
Hollenbeck, Ira, 5
Hollenbeck, Phoebe, 5
Hollenbeck, Truman, 5
Hollenbeck, Zelpha, 5
Hulst, _____, 2
(m. Beatrice Gertrude Brown)
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Kingsley, Samuel, 3
Knabner, Raymond, 4
Lee, Hettiegrey Hartsfield, 2
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Leonard, Duncan M.
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Leonard, Duncan Moore
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Leonard, Emma R., 19
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Leonard, Frances Ann, 15
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Lewis, Donald Marion, 8
Lewis, J. Elmer, 7
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Lewis, Mattie Darling, 7
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Mace, William, 4
Mackey, _____, 4
(m. Burt Goodfellow)
Mackey, Alice B., 15
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Mackey, Frank B., 15
Mackey, James G., 15
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McHench, Andrew, 4
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McHench, Andrew, 6, 7, 17
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McHench, Betsy, 4
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McHench, Frances N., 7, 17, 20
McHench, Gertrude, 17
McHench, Gladys, 9
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McHench, Hannah, 19
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McHench, Helen Ellerson, 2
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McHench, Helen Frances, 2
McHench, Ida Amelia, 2
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(1st immigrant)
McHench, James, 2
(son of James[1])
McHench, James, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 18
(son of William)
McHench, John[1], 1, 3, 8, 19, 20
(1st immigrant)
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(son of Alexander)
McHench, John, 2
(son of James[1])
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Thorington, Frank, 5
Thorington, George Ezra, 5
Thorington, Hattie, 5
Thorington, Hobart, 5
Thorington, Jake, 5
Thorington, Jane, 5
(dau. of Ezra)
Thorington, Jane, 5
(dau. of Benjamin)
Thorington, John, 5
Thorington, Mary, 5
Thorington, Mina, 5
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(m. Frank Thorington)
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Williams, _____, 5
(m. Hobart Thorington)
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